



State of California
The Natural Resources Agency
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

PROJECT TITLE	Cressman Road Shaded Fuelbreak Maintenance Project		
PROJECT LOCATION	Portions of Sections 15, 16, 22, 23, and 24 in T10S, R24E, MDBM Along Cressman Road, Six miles West of Shaver Lake, CA	COUNTY	Fresno
LEAD AGENCY	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)		
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves the ongoing maintenance of an existing shaded fuelbreak along a segment of Cressman Road located about six miles west of Shave Lake, CA. The project would include regular ongoing maintenance every three to five years. The fuelbreak extends approximately 200 feet on either side of Cressman Road and encompasses approximately 85 acres of land. Material to be removed will be piled and burned, removed, or chipped and scattered back on site. All work will be completed by crews equipped with chain saws and other hand tools. Vegetation removal will generally be limited to material recruited since fuel break installation. In areas with canopy cover not in watercourse protection zones all understory vegetation shall be removed to eliminate ladder fuels. Select conifer regeneration will be retained. In areas without canopy cover a majority of brush will be removed. Clumps shall be retained spaced no less than 20 feet apart. Forest Practice Rule protections shall be applied to Watercourse Lake Protection Zones and related vegetation.

EXEMPTION STATUS

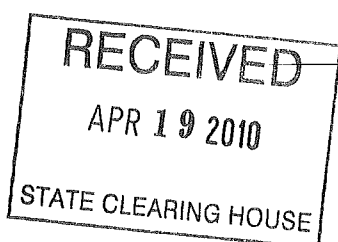
☒ Categorical Exemption Type/Section: Class 1 and 4 §15301 Maintenance of Existing Public Structures
§15304 Minor Alterations to Land

- ☐ Statutory Exemption (state code section):
☐ Ministerial (§21080(b)(1); 15268)
☐ Declared Emergency (§21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (§21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))

REASONS PROJECT IS EXEMPT

This project fits under portions of two Classes of Categorical Exemptions authorized in the CEQA Guidelines. These include Class 1 pertaining to maintenance of existing public structures, facilities, and topographic features (the shaded fuelbreak) and Class 4 pertaining to Minor Alterations to Land. Field review by CAL FIRE staff confirmed that no exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project. The Department has concluded that no significant environmental impact would occur to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems as a result of approval and implementation of this project. Documentation of the environmental review completed by the Department is kept on file at CAL FIRE's Fresno-Kings Unit Headquarters in Sanger.

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